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SD National Guard medical company changes command

VERMILLION, S.D. – Capt. Whitney Bruinsma, of Parkston, took command of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 730th Area Support Medical Company during a ceremony, Oct. 4, at the Vermillion armory.

Bruinsma assumed command from Capt. Joshua Paull, Rapid City, who commanded the unit since July 2013.

"You're one of the top ASMC units in the nation," Bruinsma said to the Soldiers during the ceremony. "I want to continue our journey leading you."

As commander, Bruinsma will lead the medical company comprised of 94 Soldiers with a mission to provide basic emergency medical services. The unit is composed of combat medics, medical doctors, physician assistants, nurses, lab technicians, radiologists, dental technicians, mental health technicians, and maintenance and support staff.

Bruinsma enlisted into the 730th ASMC in 2003, while a junior in high school. In 2010, she commissioned as a Medical Service Corps officer and held leadership positions in both the 730th ASMC and 881st Troop Command in Sturgis.

Paull first enlisted in the 730th in 1998, serving as a combat medic for nine years. He then attended the Army's Individual Physician's Assistant Program and became a physician's assistant. He's served on two deployments with multiple units during his 17 years in the SDARNG. He will continue his military career as a physician's assistant with the SDARNG's Medical Command in Rapid City.

"You made my job easy," Paull told the Soldiers. "I can't thank you enough. It's kind of like leaving a family. The Soldiers in this unit are what makes this unit great."

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151004-Z-ZZ999-009: U.S. Army Lt. Col. Jade Beehler, center, commander of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 152nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, presides over the change of command ceremony for the 730th Area Support Medical Company in Vermillion, S.D., Oct. 4, 2015. Capt. Whitney Bruinsma, right, of Parkston, assumed command from Capt. Joshua Paull, left, of Rapid City. As commander, Bruinsma will lead the medical company comprised of 94 Soldiers with different military and civilian backgrounds. (U.S. Army National Guard photo/Released)

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